Indian Petrochemicals Corporation's Collaboration with Holland firm

17. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemical Corporation Limited has entered into a collaboration with General Electric Plastics of Holland for production of engineering plastics; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with General Electric Plastics, Netherlands for evaluating the feasibility of a joint venture arrangement for production of engineering plastics supported by Application Development Centre with production facilities for alloys, blends, composites of engineering plastics and polycarbonate sheets. It also envisages manufacturing facilities for basic resins of polycarbonate and modified phenylene oxide. IPCL also signed an exclusive Sales and Marketing Development Agreement with General Electric Plastics for marketing their entire range of engineering plastics products in India.

Export of cement

18. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the quantity and value of the cement exported during the last one year ;

(b) what are the names opf the countries to which cement was exported; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to boost the export of cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) During 1988-89 (upto February, 1989) 1437 tonnes of cement was exported to Bangladesh for a value of about US $ 67,000 FOR Indian border. In addition about 56,000 tonnes of cement was exported to Nepal against Rupee Payments.

(c) Export of cement has been decanalised and Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) @ 10 per cent on export of cement, both grey and white, has been granted by the Government w.e.f. 1-4-1989.

Applications for setting up of Industries in UP and Bihar

19. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications were received for setting up industries in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last three years;

(b) how many of them were received from Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Northern Bihar, respectively; and

(c) how many of these applications have been cleared and rejected so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) During the year 1986, 1987 and 1988 a total of 891 and 116 applications were received for setting up industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar respectively. Of these, 80 were for Eastern U.P. and 18 for North Bihar. The position of appli-